

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: APRIL 11, 2002
TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL
FROM: PHILIP SUNDERLAND, CITY MANAGER
SUBJECT: SCHOOL BOARD'S APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET FOR FY 2003

Attached you will find the School Board's Approved Operating Budget for FY 2003 that was adopted by the School Board on February 21. Please note that the approved document also includes the amendment approved by the Board at their March 21 meeting, requesting \$677,239 to fund an additional step for Schools employees at the top of the pay scale (see budget memo #12). This is above and beyond what is included in the FY 2003 proposed budget.

The School Board's Approved Operating Budget totals \$135.3 million for FY 2003, with a requested City appropriation of \$113.0 million, an increase of 5.4% compared to the FY 2002 appropriation of \$107.3 million. The FY 2003 total budget represents a 2.8% increase compared to FY 2002. The operating budget includes approximately \$20.9 million in State aid, and a \$0.6 million appropriation from fund balance. The Schools approved budget assumes that Schools employees will receive a cost of living adjustment equivalent to the amount funded for City employees (2.5 percent). This compensation adjustment will cost an additional \$2.6 million and was included in the FY 2003 proposed budget.

cc: Mark Jinks, Assistant City Manager
Gene Swearingen, Budget Director
Kendel Taylor, Budget Analyst
Beverly Jett, City Clerk